

under 35 U.S.C. 251. Applicant already submitted a corrective reissue oath/declaration along with its Amendment filed January 3, 2002 for the same purpose, and must therefore assume that the Examiner seeks more specificity in regard to the error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. Consequently, Applicant submits herewith another new reissue oath/declaration which specifically avers that there was no deceptive intent and more clearly identifies the particular error relied upon to support this reissue application.

The Examiner objected to the reissue application under 37 CFR 1.172(a) as lacking the written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the patent, noting that the paper marked as "Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is not a proper assent. Applicant submits herewith a Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee which provides Sprague Licensing Corporation's (the Assignee's) assent to this reissue application.

The Examiner required new substitute drawings incorporating approved changes to FIGs. 1 and 2. New substitute FIGs. 1 and 2 are submitted herewith which show the non-confidential printed data and printed interior as previously submitted and approved by drawing change request.

The Examiner had indicated that a new copy of the reissue application is required under 37 CFR 1.173 in the form of a copy of the printed patent, in double column format, each page on only one side of a single sheet of paper. However, upon further discussion with the Examiner it was noted that the present application was filed effective December 10, 1999, prior to the effective date of amended 37 CFR 1.173. At the time of filing (and as specified at M.P.E.P. 1411), reissue applications filed prior to November 7, 2000 should be furnished in the form of cut-up soft copies of the original patent, with only a single column of the printed patent securely mounted on a separate sheet of paper. Inasmuch as this is how the original reissue application was provided it is not believed that a double-column copy is required, and again this was conformed in further discussions with the Examiner. If the Examiner concludes that something more is required in this regard he is invited to call the undersigned who will promptly supply the requested items.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that a Supplemental Reissue

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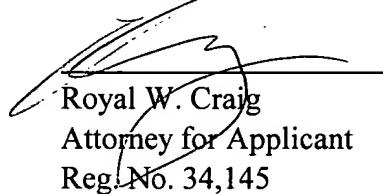
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Oath/Declaration is required under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) before this reissue application can be allowed, and a proper Supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration with the indicated language has been executed by the inventors and is enclosed herewith.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this reissue application is now in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

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